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I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, GENTS! DON'TCHA KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY ROBBING AN OFFICE IN SPIEY-SWINGIN' TERRITORY?

CLICK!



AND BULLET-PROOF YOU AIN'T!

KRAK!

HE FLIPPED HIMSELF BACK! YA MISSED HIM!

SORRY ABOUT THAT!



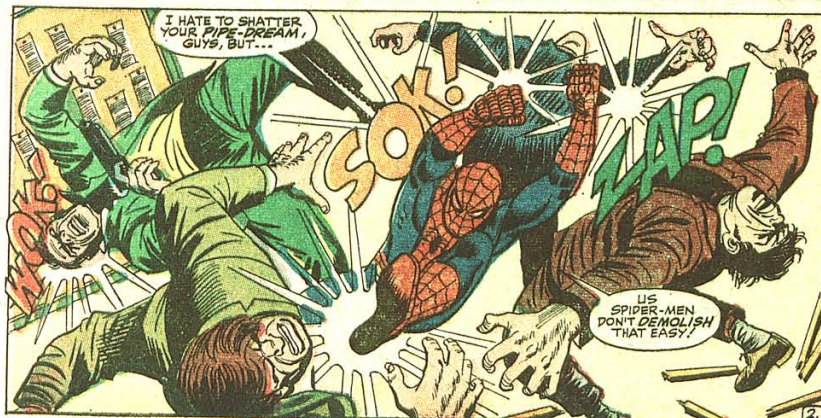
C'MON! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RUSH 'IM!

ALL TOGETHER NOW...LET'S PILE ON!

THIS'LL TAKE CARE OF 'IM!

HE'S GOIN' DOWN! WE GOT 'IM!

HERE'S WHERE WE DEMOLISH THE CREEP!



I HATE TO SHATTER YOUR PIPE-DREAM, GUYS, BUT...

GOK! ZAP!

US SPIDER-MEN DON'T DEMOLISH THAT EASY!



NOW I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I'M GETTING BORED OR ANYTHING...

BUT I'LL HAVE TO WRAP THIS TEA PARTY UP NOW!

DON'T THINK IT HASN'T BEEN A REAL PLEASURE WALTZING AROUND WITH YOU...

UNHHH!

CAUSE YOU'RE A REAL SWINGIN' FUN GROUP...

MMFF!!

YEOWFF!



...ALTHOUGH, JUST BETWEEN US KIDS...IT HASN'T BEEN...

SARRAKK!

EXCUSE THIS DOOR, GENTS, BUT I'VE GOT TO SAVE MY WEBBING!

ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY'VE RAISED ITS PRICE AT THE CORNER DRUG STORE!



SPIDER-MAN! YOU'VE SAVED OUR PAYROLL... AND PERHAPS... OUR LIVES!

HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU...

EASY, MARTHA! STAY BACK!

HOW CAN WE BE SURE HE ISN'T AS BAD AS THE OTHERS? THE DAILY BUGLE SAYS HE'S A MENACE!

YOU CAN STOP TREMBLING, TIGER... I DON'T BITE!

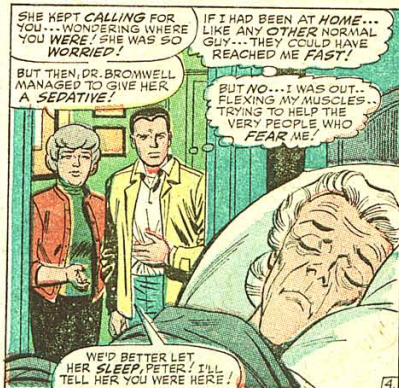
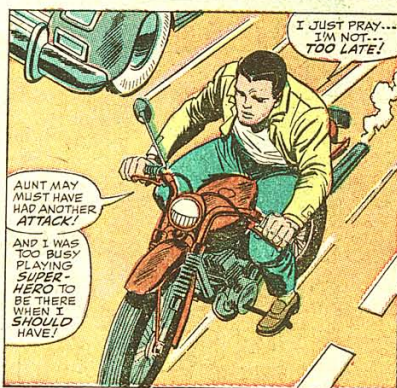
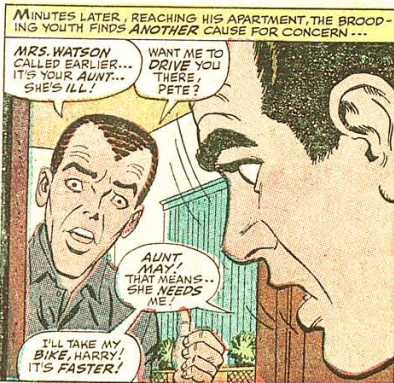
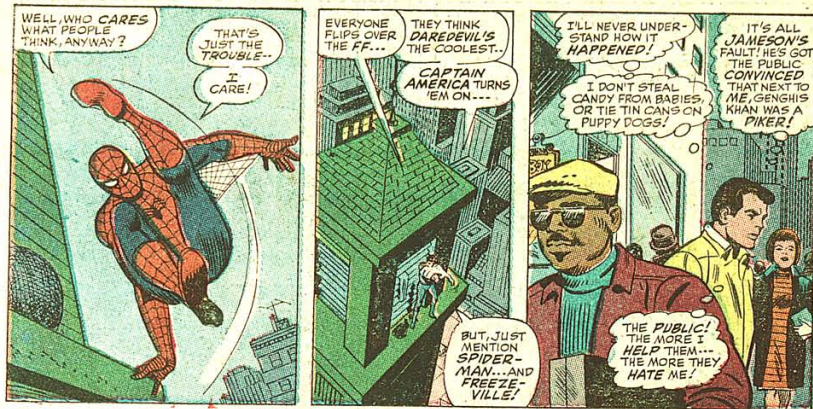
DON'T... COME ANY... CLOSER... TO US!



BOY! JAMESON'S BATTY EDITORIALS HAVE DONE ME MORE HARM THAN ALL THE CROOKS IN TOWN!

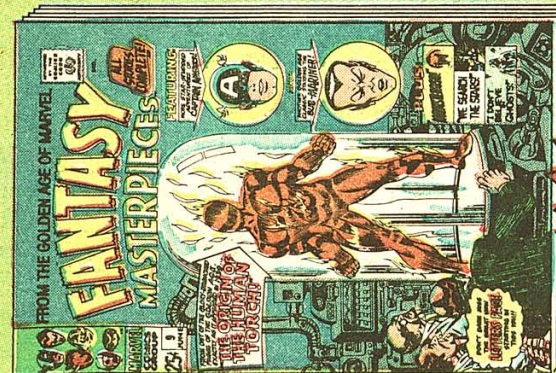
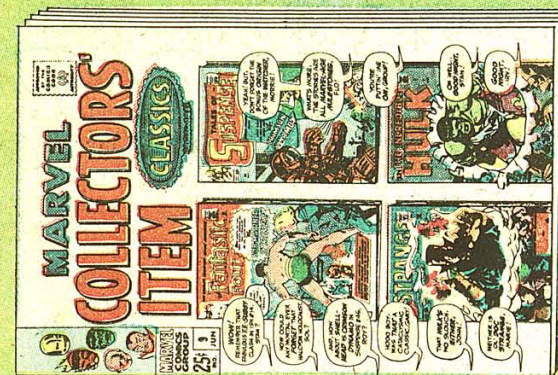
NO MATTER WHAT I DO, HALF THE POPULATION IS SCARED STIFF OF ME!

...AND THE OTHER HALF PROBABLY THINKS I'M SOME KINDA FULL-TIME NUT!



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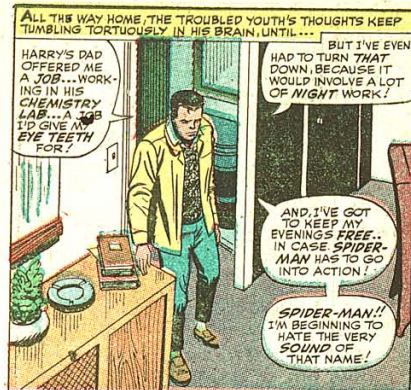


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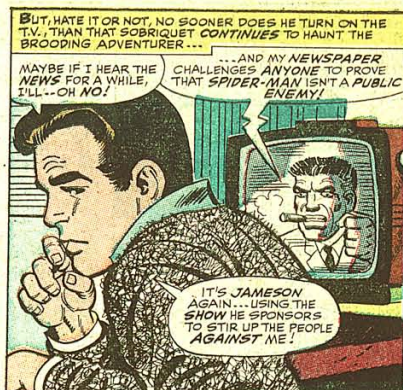
ALL THE WAY HOME, THE TROUBLED YOUTH'S THOUGHTS KEEP TUMBLING TORTUOUSLY IN HIS BRAIN, UNTIL...

HARRY'S DAD OFFERED ME A JOB...WORKING IN HIS CHEMISTRY LAB...A JOB I'D GIVE MY EYE TEETH FOR!

BUT I'VE EVEN HAD TO TURN THAT DOWN, BECAUSE IT WOULD INVOLVE A LOT OF NIGHT WORK!

AND, I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY EVENINGS FREE...IN CASE SPIDER-MAN HAS TO GO INTO ACTION!

SPIDER-MAN!! I'M BEGINNING TO HATE THE VERY SOUND OF THAT NAME!

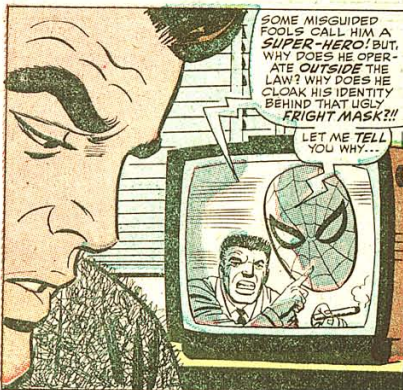


BUT, HATE IT OR NOT, NO SOONER DOES HE TURN ON THE TV... THAN THAT SOBRIQUET CONTINUES TO HAUNT THE BROODING ADVENTURER...

MAYBE IF I HEAR THE NEWS FOR A WHILE, I'LL...OH NO!

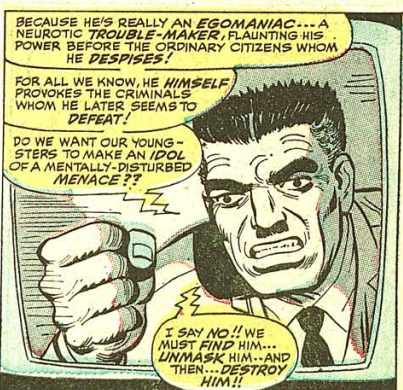
...AND MY NEWSPAPER CHALLENGES ANYONE TO PROVE THAT SPIDER-MAN ISN'T A PUBLIC ENEMY!

IT'S JAMESON AGAIN...USING THE SHOW HE SPONSORS TO STIR UP THE PEOPLE AGAINST ME!



SOME MISGUIDED FOOLS CALL HIM A SUPER-HERO! BUT, WHY DOES HE OPERATE OUTSIDE THE LAW? WHY DOES HE CLOAK HIS IDENTITY BEHIND THAT UGLY FRIGHT MASK??!

LET ME TELL YOU WHY...



BECAUSE HE'S REALLY AN EGOMANIAC...A NEUROTIC TROUBLE-MAKER, FLAUNTING HIS POWER BEFORE THE ORDINARY CITIZENS WHOM HE DESPISES!

FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE HIMSELF PROVOKES THE CRIMINALS WHOM HE LATER SEEMS TO DEFEAT!

DO WE WANT OUR YOUNGSTERS TO MAKE AN IDOL OF A MENTALLY-DISTURBED MENACE??

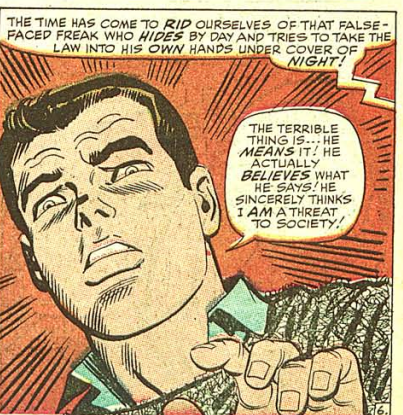
I SAY NO!! WE MUST FIND HIM...UNMASK HIM...AND THEN...DESTROY HIM!!



AS PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE, I OFFER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE CAPTURE AND CONVICTION OF THAT WEB-SLINGING, WALL-CRAWLING MOCKERY OF A MAN...

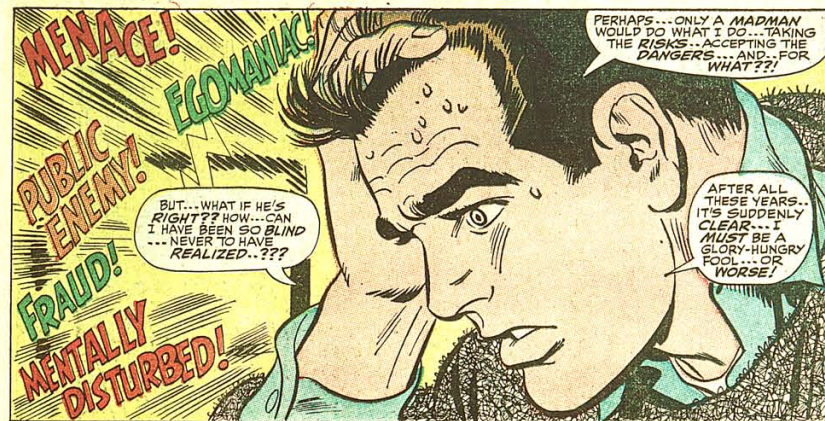
A THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD...JUST FOR ME?!

HE...HATES ME...FAR MORE THAN I THOUGHT...!



THE TIME HAS COME TO RID OURSELVES OF THAT FALSE-FACED FREAK WHO HIDES BY DAY AND TRIES TO TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS UNDER COVER OF NIGHT!

THE TERRIBLE THING IS...HE MEANS IT! HE ACTUALLY BELIEVES WHAT HE SAYS! HE SINCERELY THINKS I AM A THREAT TO SOCIETY!



MENACE!
EGOMANIAC!
PUBLIC ENEMY!
FRAUD!
MENTALLY DISTURBED!

BUT...WHAT IF HE'S RIGHT?? HOW...CAN I HAVE BEEN SO BLIND...NEVER TO HAVE REALIZED...???

PERHAPS...ONLY A MADMAN WOULD...WHAT I DO...TAKING THE RISKS...ACCEPTING THE DANGERS...AND...FOR WHAT??!

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...IT'S SUDDENLY CLEAR...I MUST BE A GLORY-HUNGRY FOOL...OR WORSE!



LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE, THE HEARTSICK YOUTH LEAVES HIS APARTMENT, TRUDGING LISTLESSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT... HIS THOUGHTS AS DARK AND STORMY AS THE SKIES ABOVE HIM...

IN ORDER TO SATISFY MY CRAVING FOR EXCITEMENT...I'VE JEOPARDIZED EVERYTHING THAT REALLY MATTERS...

BEING SPIDER-MAN HAS BROUGHT ME NOTHING...BUT UNHAPPINESS!

AUNT MAY...MY FRIENDS...THE GIRLS IN MY LIFE...

AND...FOR WHAT???



CAN I BE SURE MY ONLY MOTIVE WAS THE CONQUEST OF CRIME?

OR WAS IT THE HEADY THRILL OF BATTLE...THE PRECIOUS TASTE OF TRIUMPH...THE PARANOIAC THIRST FOR POWER WHICH CAN NEVER BE QUENCHED??

MAY HEAVEN FORGIVE ME...THE MORE I THINK OF IT...THE MORE I FEEL THAT JAMESON WAS RIGHT!

IN WHICH CASE...FOR THE SAKE OF MY OWN SANITY...

...THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...



PROVEN IN THE LABS — PROVEN ON THE ROAD —
PROVEN ON THE INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY
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Laboratory reports . . . PLUS road tests conducted on Indianapolis proving grounds reveal you may now get as much as 37 miles of driving from each gallon of gas . . . save up to 80 gallons of gas each month . . . save up to \$200 on your car each year!

Six months ago, for perhaps the first time in history, the United States Government issued patent protection to an invention that has been classified ILLEGAL! Sound strange? Not really, because it's the major oil companies. Well, do you know that the remarkable new invention described on this page is actually banned from these tests because it is TOO EFFECTIVE! Do you know that because this invention saves so much gasoline . . . that because it gives so much economy, it is actually ILLEGAL for a test-driver to fit one on his car! And do you know that because it boosts gasoline mileage up to 11 more miles per gallon . . . it has actually been OUTLAWED in every recognized country economy . . . simply because the officials who conduct these tests were forced to realize that it gives all cars that have it AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE!

In other words, if you are a person planning on entering one of these cross-country economy runs . . . this message is not for you. YOU JUST WON'T BE ALLOWED TO USE THIS NEW INVENTION. SORRY, BUT IT'S SIMPLY ILLEGAL. If you are a person who is not interested in setting any records . . . who is only interested in getting more miles per gallon than you ever dreamed possible . . . and doing it the very same way that many of America's leading corporations are doing at this very moment . . . then what you are about to read is perhaps the most thrilling and exciting news in automotive history.

TEST DRIVERS REPORT UP TO 11 MORE MILES PER GALLON —
The pages of this great new invention is the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER . . . and there is no better way to describe to you the increased performance and economy it will give you . . . than to tell you of the "bombshell effect" it had on research scientists and test-drivers, who simply refused to believe their own gasoline gauges when they first tried it out. Look:

QUIT GASOLINE COSTS TO AS LITTLE AS 10 CENTS A GALLON
1. When the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER was first tested by the same research laboratories used by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler . . . results were so overwhelming, (a staggering increase of up to

68 per cent) . . . it actually lowered gasoline costs to as little as ONE CENT A MILE.
2. When tests were made by the world's leading auto test agencies with this incredible money saving invention . . . and then test-run on the road on the famous Indianapolis proving grounds at the Indianapolis Speedway . . . the test-drivers of these vehicles were absolutely amazed to see big 6 cylinder sedans get better gas-mileage than small European economy cars.
3. When large fleet owners and some of the nation's largest taxi fleets tested this great new invention to determine just how much gas it would save them . . . the results were so dramatic that within 10 days they reported savings of not hundreds but thousands of gallons of gas the very first month alone!

UP TO 80 MILES OF DRIVING FROM A SINGLE TANK OF GAS!
Yes, from test after test . . . road tests, laboratory tests, tests by some of the world's most famous drivers . . . come re-

BEST PROOF OF ALL!
World's Leading Rent-A-Car Company Rent-A-Car, Inc. has been investigating For 3 Solid Months . . . Then Orders For 1000's of G. T. ENERGY CHAMBERS EQUIPPED!
They report "Savings of up to 54 gallons a month per car."
Yes, from one of the nation's largest automobile fleet owners comes the most dramatic proof of all . . . A company that spends more money on gasoline in one week than the average person spends in a lifetime . . . they tested this incredible new invention and here's what they found: **BOOSTED GASOLINE MILEAGE A SHOCKING 54% ON ALL CARS TESTED.** Wouldn't you like to save up to \$200 a year on your car? For full details read the rest of this page.

LOOK HOW EASY IT IS!

All you do is simply attach the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER on your fuel line. Since it is a precision instrument, there are no special adjustments for you to make. They've already been made for you at the factory. You simply screw it into place . . . and that's all. In fact, it's so easy you need not know anything about an engine to install it . . . and easy picture directions are included with each unit. Total installation time: 3 to 5 minutes. Total savings on gas: up to \$200 a year!

ports of cars that drive for hundreds and hundreds of miles ON A SINGLE TANK OF GAS! Reports of test cars from Ford, General Motors, Chrysler that get more miles per gallon today than they ever were brand new! Reports of big, luxury sedans that weigh 2 1/2 tons more than small European cars . . . yet get better mileage, better performance and huge dollar savings thanks to this new miracle invention.

IT WORKS SUCH MILEAGE-MIRACLES. NOW COME THE MANUFACTURERS HAVEN'T INSTALLED THIS TYPE UNIT IN THEIR CARS! THE ANSWER IS THAT TWO ALREADY HAVE!
By now you've probably wondered just what is the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER . . . and how does it work? Well, it's a long story short . . . if you were to look under the hood of one of those \$20,000 European luxury cars, like the Maserati or the Aston-Martin, you would see sitting in those engine compartments a special unit . . . especially designed to extract more power from each drop of gasoline from each gallon of gasoline. This remarkable scientific device . . . such TOTAL POWER . . . such increased engine efficiency.
And this is precisely what the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER is designed to do . . . enable your engine to extract more instant-driving power, more raw, blazing energy and more gasoline economy . . .

Yes, proven at Indianapolis — proven in the same test laboratories used by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler . . . proven by the world's largest auto test agencies . . . no matter what kind of gas you use . . . no matter what kind of car you own you can now pile up savings of as much as \$200 a month after month and fill your gas tank as little as once a month . . . and save up to 80 gallons of gas each year!

HERE IT IS — IN ACTION — The miracle G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER, caught by the eye of ultra high-speed cameras at one of the world's most famous proving grounds. Yes, here on the big viewing stands you see dramatic picture-panels of tests conducted by leading automotive authorities at the Indianapolis Speedway . . . tests that PROVE you can now actually take ordinary gasoline . . . lead it into your engine in a new and different way . . . trigger it into instant-driving energy . . . and unleash a blazing source of power for your car. For full documented proof of just how this amazing new discovery can save you up to \$200 in gasoline bills in the next 12 months . . . read the rest of this page. (Tests performed by official Indianapolis test driver.)

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That's because after years of intensive research automotive experts have finally found a way to simplify these booster units . . . reduce the number of parts in each unit . . . make them smaller . . . and make them available at a price so low it's almost too ridiculous to mention. Why do you realize what this means to you if you are a person who is determined to save yourself up to \$16 a month on your gas bills . . . up to 80 gallons of gas each month . . . yes, up to \$200 a year on wasted gasoline!

INSTALLS IN MINUTES — PAYS FOR ITSELF IN AS LITTLE AS 15 DAYS!
It means that no matter what kind of car you now have . . . no matter how old that car may be . . . no matter what condition it is in . . . no matter how many miles you pile on each month . . . here at last is the automotive discovery long dreamed about . . . and has now come true. Because, from this day on you too can now save up to 80 gallons of gas each month . . . and every year. NOW you too can drive for weeks and weeks on end without ever stopping at a service station. Now you too can drive across 6 states of the union on just a single tank of gas, blaze a trail from New York to Chicago in just 2 or 3

tankfuls. In other words, perform mileage miracles that only yesterday you thought were impossible.
So if you too want to achieve the same wondrous results as America's largest automotive fleet owners, by Indianapolis test-drivers, and by research scientists at the very same testing laboratories used by Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, then take advantage of this special Free-Trial introductory offer. Remember, all you risk is the few minutes it takes to fill out the special Free-Trial coupon below, and you have a lifetime of driving convenience and economy to gain.

THIS OFFER EXPIRES IN 15 DAYS — YOU MUST ACT NOW!
Now the price of the G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER on this special introductory offer is not the 15 or 20 dollars you might expect . . . but only \$9.95. Why, you'll save up to 10 times that amount in gasoline savings in no time at all. In fact, you'll mention the hundreds of gallons of gasoline savings in no time at all. In fact, you'll save year after year.
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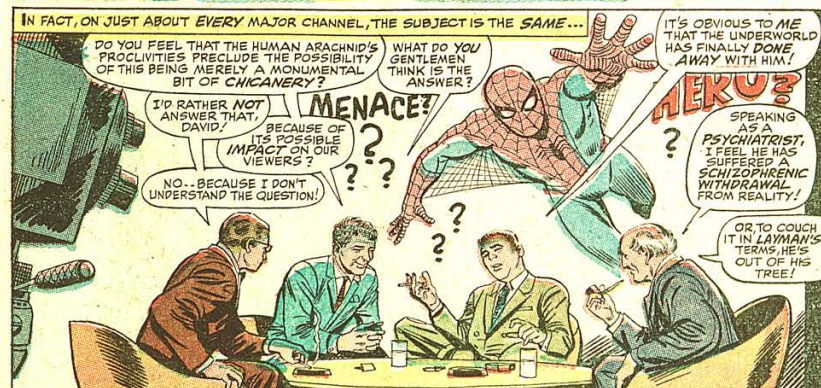
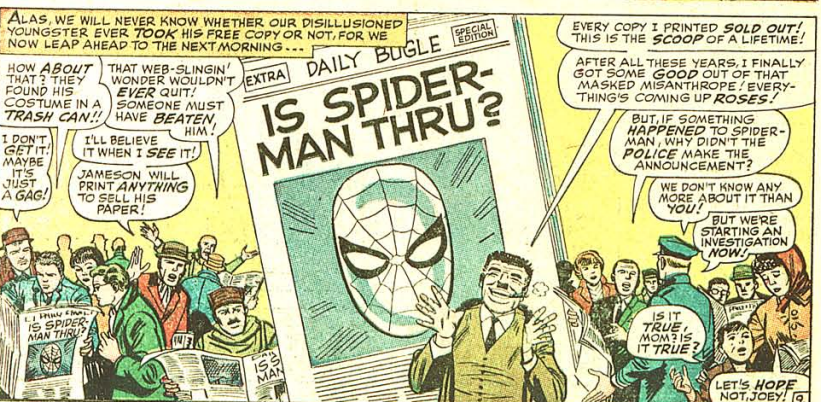
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AND IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE PATCH, THE STOOL PIGEON, FINDS OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!



HOLD IT, PUNK! WHERE'D YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN'? THIS ISN'T YOUR TERRITORY... SO TAKE A POWDER!

HEY! WHAT GIVES, BLACKIE? YOU KNOW ME, IT'S OL' PATCH! I JUST WANT IN ON THE ACTION!

NOT THIS TIME, FRY! GO WALK BACK TO PICKIN' POKE! YER OUTTA YER LEAGUE HERE!

DON'T MAKE IM TELL YA TWICE, CREEP!



I WAS RIGHT! SOME OF THE BIGGEST NOBLES IN THE EAST ARE GETTING TOGETHER!

AND THEY'RE NOT HERE! IT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE LONELY!

I'D BETTER TAKE OFF AND MAKE MY OWN PLANS BEFORE THEY GET SUSPICIOUS OF ME!



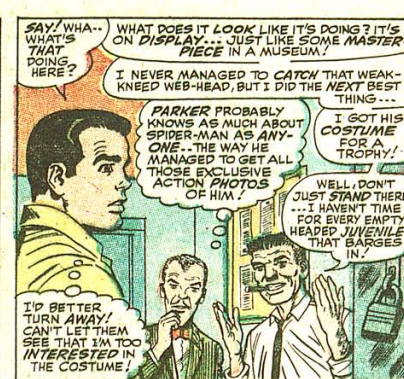
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? IT'S THE GREATEST TROPHY A MAN COULD HAVE... AND IT'S ALL MINE!

NOW, I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW UP THE SPIDER-MAN STORY! GET ALL THE LEADS YOU CAN...

YOU'VE GOT COMPANY, JJJ!

CAN I SEE YOU A MINUTE, MR. JAMESON?

IT'S PARKER!



SAY! WHA... WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE IT'S DOING? IT'S ON DISPLAY... JUST LIKE SOME MASTER-PIECE IN A MUSEUM!

I NEVER MANAGED TO CATCH THAT WEAK-KNEED WEB-HEAD, BUT I DID THE NEXT BEST THING...

PARKER PROBABLY KNOWS AS MUCH ABOUT SPIDER-MAN AS ANYONE... THE WAY HE MANAGED TO GET ALL THOSE EXCLUSIVE ACTION PHOTOS OF HIM!

I GOT HIS COSTUME FOR A TROPHY!

WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE... I HAVEN'T TIME FOR EVERY EMPTY-HEADED JUVENILE THAT BARGES IN!

I'D BETTER TURN AWAY! CAN'T LET THEM SEE THAT I'M TOO INTERESTED IN THE COSTUME!



AND, AS THE THOUGHTFUL STOOLIE SLOWLY FADES INTO THE DEEPENING SHADOWS...

WITH SPIDER-MAN GONE, THE KINGPIN IS READY TO TAKE OVER AS HEAD MAN OF THE MOBS!

ANY QUESTIONS?

WHY DON'T HE TELL US HIMSELF? I DON'T DEAL WITH STOOGES!

UP TO NOW, I ALWAYS BEEN MY OWN BOSS! I DON'T LIKE IT!

RELAX, SHORTY! YOU KNOW THE KINGPIN LIKES TO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND.

IF ANYONE IS GONNA TAKE CONTROL AROUND HERE, THE KINGPIN'S OUR BOY!

THEN START LIKIN' IT, MISTER! WHAT THE KINGPIN SAYS AROUND HERE... GOES!



I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU NOT TO EXPECT ANY MORE PIX FROM ME!

I'M GONNA STUDY... BUT GOOD... LIKE A COLLEGE JOE SHOULD!

NO! YOU CAN'T QUIT! YOU WERE THE BEST PHOTO I EVER HAD!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU EVER PAY ME TOP RATES?

I DIDN'T WANNA SPOIL YOU!

PARKER QUITTING... AT THE SAME TIME AS SPIDER-MAN SEEMS TO BE OUT ACTION... IT'S MERELY A COINCIDENCE... OR...!

I'VE BEEN BETRAYED... STABBED IN THE BACK!!



AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU... YOU'RE DESERTING ME!

I WAS LIKE A FATHER TO YOU... GAVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF MY WISDOM, MY KINDNESS, WARMS... AND FRIENDSHIP!

AND NOW YOU PROVE THAT IT DOESN'T PAY TO BE A LIVING DOLL! NICE GUYS ALWAYS FINISH LAST!

THEY DO? THEN SIMMER DOWN, SKINFLINT... YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY!



WHILE, IN A SMALL FURNISHED APARTMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

SPIDER-MAN HELPED TO KEEP THE UNDERWORLD ON THE RUN! THEY WERE DISORGANIZED... FEARFUL... CAUTIOUS! BUT NOW, IT'S DIFFERENT!

WITH THE WEB-SLINGER OUT OF ACTION, THEY'RE READY TO POOL THEIR FORCES...



JUDGING BY THE ONES I'VE SEEN, IT COULD BE THE MOST POWERFUL ARMY OF CRIME EVER ASSEMBLED!

AND SINCE SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO LEAD THEM... WHY COULDN'T IT BE... THE MAN CALLED PATCH?!

NOT A MAN ALIVE KNOWS THAT I'M REALLY FREDRICK FOSWELL!



THE NEXT MORNING... HEY, FOSWELL! COME HERE... I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

AS FOSWELL, I'M JUST A TWO-BIT REPORTER... BUT IF I COULD BECOME THE KING OF CRIME ONCE AGAIN...

NOW THAT I'VE GONE STRAIGHT, GIVE ME TRUSTS! ME! THEY'VE NEVER SUSPECT!

YES, SIR, MR. JAMESON!

* REMEMBER WHEN JJJ GAVE FOSWELL A JOB AFTER HIS PAROLE? HE HAD BEEN KNOWN AS THE BIG MAN... TILL SPIDY CAUGHT HIM! ... SUPER-MEMORY STAN.



BUT, EVEN AS WE CAREFULLY TIE THE LOOSE ENDS OF OUR TITANIC TALE TOGETHER, A SUDDEN SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF CRIME BEGINS TO PLAGUE THE STARTLED CITY...

YOU GUYS MUST BE NUTS! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH A HIJACKING... NOT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

WHEN THE KINGPIN WANTS A TRUCK HIJACKED, WE DO IT, MAC! NOW CLIMB ON OUTTA THERE!

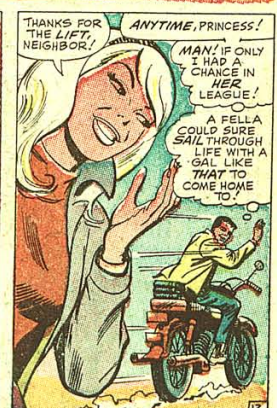
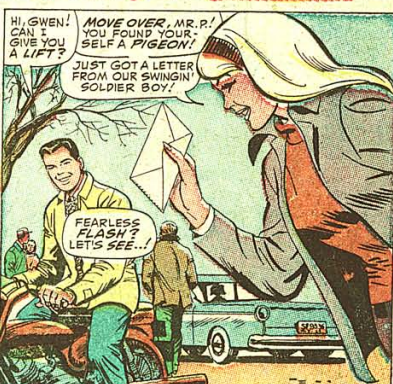
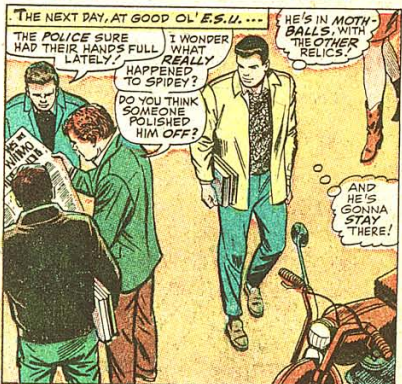
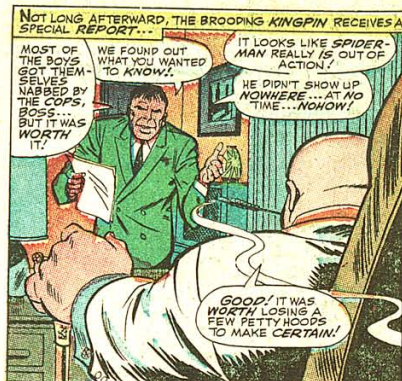
YOU GONNA PAY ME THAT PROTECTION MONEY... OR SHOULD I TELL THE KINGPIN YA REFUSED?

NO! NO! I'LL PAY! I'LL PAY!

EVERYTHING WENT OFF PERFECT... JUST LIKE THE KINGPIN PLANNED IT!

YEAH! THE COPS CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE...

AND, WITH SPIDER-MAN GONE, OUR JOB'S A LOT EASIER NOW!



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BUT DON'T ASK FOR CARY GRANT... HE'S OUT OF TOWN!

I TOLD YOU HE'D BE HERE RIGHT AFTER CLASS, MAY DEAR!

OH, PETER DEAR... YOU ALWAYS CHEER ME UP SO!



QUICK! SOMEONE CALL THE BEAUTY PARLOR! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

A LIVING, BREATHING MALE WALKED IN AND DIDN'T NOTICE ME! I'M A WASHOUT, A HAS-BEEN! IT'S THE UTTER END, FRIEND!

OH... HI, MARY JANE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!



OBVIOUSLY, DAD... OR, YOU'D HAVE ARRIVED EVEN SOONER!

WELL, IT'S YOUR LOSS, TIGER, I HAVE TO CUT OUT NOW... I'M LATE FOR REHEARSAL!

KNOCK 'EM DEAD, LADY!

WITH THESE NEW THREADS AUNT ANNA JUST STITCHED FOR ME, HOW CAN I MISS?



IF YOUR WHEELS ARE POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, PETE-O... THIS COULD BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

SORRY, MJ... I'D BETTER STAY WITH AUNT MAY FOR A WHILE!

NO SWEAT, NICE BOY!



FINALLY, AS TWILIGHT BEGINS TO FALL...

I FEEL LIKE A MILLION DUCKS! NO MORE WORRIES... NO MORE PROBLEMS...

I SHOULD'VE KISSED SPIDEY OFF LONG AGO!

AND, I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY TONIGHT!



YEP, THIS IS THE LIFE, ALL RIGHT! I NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD BEFORE!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN CLASS.

WONDER IF GWEN WILL NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE!



BUT, EVEN AS THE SEEMINGLY-RETIRED SUPERHERO LUXURIATES IN HIS ROOM, BUSINESS GOES ON AS USUAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY...

FASTER, MAC! WE AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!

BUT THIS MONEY IS FOR WELFARE!

YEAH... THE KINGPIN'S WELFARE! NOW SHUT UP AND KEEP LOADIN' THAT CASE!



A WEST-SIDE WELFARE OFFICE HAS JUST BEEN ROBBED OF ITS TOTAL CASH ALLOTMENT, DESTINED FOR THE CITY'S NEEDY...

A ROBBERY! ON THE WEST SIDE!

IF THAT MONEY ISN'T RECOVERED, WHAT HAPPENS TO RELIEF PAYMENTS THIS MONTH?



HANDICAPPED PEOPLE... OLD PEOPLE... HELPLESS INFANTS... WILL BE THE SUFFERERS!

AND THEY DON'T HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS TO FALL BACK ON WHILE WAITING FOR HELP!

THE POLICE MAY ALREADY HAVE PICKED UP THE TRAIL OF THE RATS WHO PULLED THAT JOB... BUT JUST IN CASE...



HEY! PARKER... HOLD IT! HOLD IT, YOU CHOWDER-HEAD!

YOU JUST TOOK THE PLEDGE, REMEMBER? YOUR WEB-BLING! DAYS ARE GONE FOREVER! SIMMER DOWN, SWEETIE!

YOU CAN READ ALL ABOUT IT... IN THE PAPER!



AND, SIMMER DOWN HE DOES... THOUGH EVERY INSTINCT WITHIN HIM KNOWS FOR THE THRILL OF ADVENTURE ONCE AGAIN! BUT THEN, THE NEXT MORNING...

SAY, PETE, DID YOU READ ABOUT THE WELFARE OFFICE ROBBERY LAST NIGHT?

OH, NO... I JUST HAD TIME FOR THE SPORTS PAGES!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FULL-FLEDGED UNDERWORLD INVASION!

YOUNG MAN! IN ORDER!

HOW'S YOUR DAD, HARRY? YOU HAVEN'T MENTIONED HIM LATELY!



HAVEN'T SEEN HIM... HE'S BEEN OUT OF TOWN!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ANY MORE ABOUT HIS OFFER... ABOUT WORKING PART-TIME IN HIS LAB?

AS A MATTER OF FACT I HAVE, HARRY...

I JUST HAVE TO HAVE SOME PERSONAL TIME FIRST!

SOON AS AUNT MAY IS ON HER FEET... AND MY STUDIES ARE UP TO SNUFF... I'M GONNA DO IT!



THUS, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THINGS START LOOKING UP FOR OUR HARASSED HERO... OR, DO THEY...?

HOW ABOUT A GODA SANDWICH, AND SPIN AROUND CLASS, WOMAN?

LOVE IT, MAN... BUT I'VE A DATE WITH HARRY TONIGHT!

YOU TWO AREN'T PINNED, OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?

FIRST FLASH... NOW HARRY! YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO PIRN ME OFF!



HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T ASKED IF I'VE GOT A MAAAAAD CRUSH ON A BASHFUL, BLACK-HAIRED BIKE-RIDER?

C'MON! WE BOTH KNOW NICE GUYS FINISH LAST!

FORGET IT, LADY!

YOU SAID IT, PETE... I DIDN'T!



IF ONLY I THOUGHT THAT GWEN MEANT...

HELLO, PETER DEAR! OH, AUNT MAY AND I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER THAT ANNA MRS. WATSON ARE LEAVING!

THAT'S GREAT! HAVE A GOOD TIME, HEAR?

REMEMBER... NO FLIRTING WITH THE USHERS!

OH, PETER! YOU'RE SUCH A CAUTION!



SO I GAVE UP BEING SPIDER-MAN TO HAVE MORE TIME FOR MY FAMILY... AND MY FRIENDS...

...ONLY TO FIND... THEY DON'T NEED ME!

I MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME AND BURY MYSELF IN A BOOK!



BUT, ON THE WAY BACK TO HIS PAD, PETE HEARS...

HELP! SOMEBODY... HELLLP!

SOMETHING'S WRONG... TOP THAT WAREHOUSE ROOF!

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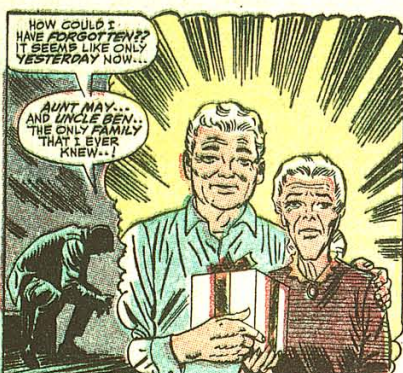
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EVEN WHEN I WAS YELLED AT FOR NOT EVEN TRYING TO STOP A FLEETING BURGLAR, I SURVIVED IT OFF! AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T ANY OF MY BUSINESS...

OR, SO I THOUGHT...



THEN, WHEN I HAD THE LAST ACCIDENT WHICH GAVE ME MY SPIDER-MAN POWERS, I JUST BECAME A COSTUMED ADVENTURER FOR KICKS...AND THE MONEY I THOUGHT IT WOULD BRING!

I HOPED I'D BE ABLE TO PAY UNCLE BEN BACK AT LEAST A FRACTION OF WHAT I OWED HIM...



...UNTIL I LEARNED THAT THE BURGLAR HAD ACTUALLY COMMITTED A MURDER...AND HIS VICTIM HAD BEEN...

UNCLE BEN!!

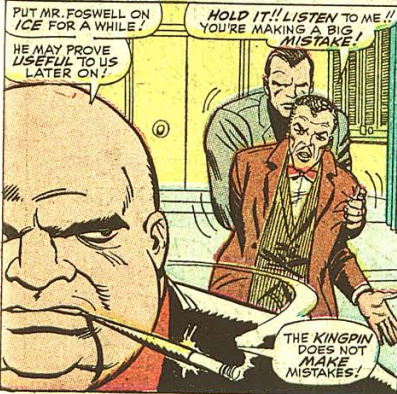
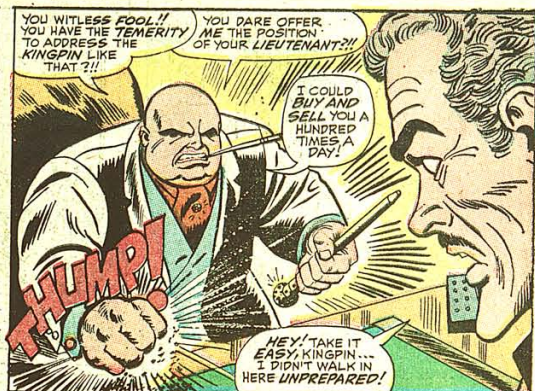
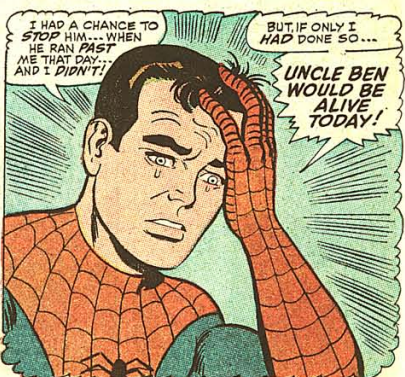


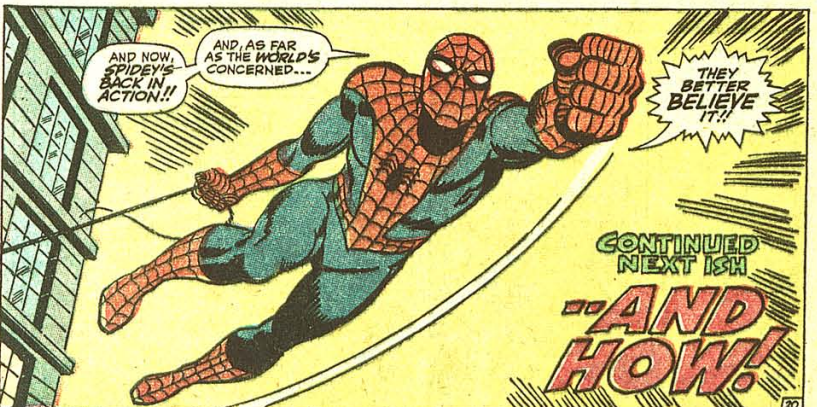
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ITEM: We've just gotta tell you this! The whole batty Bullpen is bustin' with pride over the way our mags are being received overseas in the United Kingdom! Affable Al Wallace, talented editor of Odhams Press, publishers of SMASH, WHAM, and POW, three of England's most famous and best-selling weekly comics mags, jetted in from London recently just to wrap up a deal with Marvel whereby world-famous Odhams will become our showcase in the United Kingdom, featuring all the best of our super-hero epics! (And, as every True Believer knows, we've only got the best—there isn't any worse!) So, a swingin' salute to our pal Al and all our block-bustin' British boosters! Glad to have you aboard, guys!

ITEM: This one's really gonna knock you outta your tree! You know all the zillions of no-prizes we've been tossing around for years? Well, since a no-prize is really just that—a no prize—many of our time-honored winners have asked how they can prove to posterity that they've ever actually won one! Therefore, from now on, every winner of what has become the most coveted non-award in history will receive a little something to prove he's really won! What is it? You'll find out, tiger—soon as you win one!

ITEM: Remember the ruggedly realistic artwork of Jolly JOHN SEVERIN when he illustrated some of the earlier Agent of Shield strips? Well, Johnny's returning to the fold once more, after having finally seen the light! Can you guess which strip he'll soon be doing? No, it won't be Shield this time—Jaunty JIM STERANKO is doing such a magnificent job writing and drawing the saga of Nick Fury's friendly little followers that we just can't bear the thought of switching him to another strip. However, we do have a mag which has been drawn by the same Marvel master for a few years now, and ol' Sev will soon be taking it over, since DARIN DICK AYERS seems to have an unexpected hit on his hands with the surprise sensation of the year—none other than the mysterious GHOST RIDER! Also, didja notice that Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH is now writing SGT. FURY and HIS HOWLING WHATCHACALLEMS, having replaced Rascally ROY THOMAS, who's become almost as busy as our leader late'y.

Gary should do a great job on Fury's fanatics, having listened to so many war yarns from his dad, and so many exaggerated exploits from Stan himself. By the way, don't worry too much about Rollickin' Roy—he's got enough work to keep him off the streets these days, what with authoring AVENGERS, X-MEN, SUB-MARINER, and excuse notes for Honest Iv's (He claims that Smiley gives him the hard ones to write, while he keeps the easier ones for himself! —Yeah, the "easy" ones—like SPIDEY, THOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, DAREDEVIL, etc.) Hoo Boy!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

While we're waiting for your letters telling what you'd like us to editorialize about, we thought you'd get a charge out of this note which we just received:

Dear Bullpen: Enough! I have sat idle too long! I have watched the MMS turn into disorganized chaos. (And that's the worst kind!) As a solution, I suggest we have some officers. By buying his first Marvel mag, a fan is automatically entitled to the rank of RFO (Real Frantic One). His first published letter elevates him to QNS (Quite 'Nuff Sayer). A no-prize raises him to TB (True Believer). Each additional no-prize raises one level: From JHC (Junior Howling Commando) to RH (Resident Hulk) to AT (Associate Assistant Thing) and finally to the penultimate, the utmost status a fan can attain: MM (Marvelite Maximus)! Naturally, the artists all have the rank of DDD (Definitely Doodlers), the editorial assistants are IPR (Illiterate Proof-Readers), art associates are VOD (Victims of Doodlers), the letters are IWP (Indefatigable Word Placers), and Stan himself is at the summit—MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Odin). Each person would use his title at the start of his name—as I've done. (Signed—) RFO Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 90064.

Y'know something, gang—we kinda dig Mark's idea. Let us know how it hits you and maybe we can really get the thing rolling! Fair 'nuff?

THE WRAP-UP: Looks as though we were more long-winded than usual this ish—which means we've like run out of the space needed to give you additional scoop about this summer's coming Kng-Size Specials! But, don't despair, dauntless one...just hoard your next six two-bit pieces—try not to squander them on luxuries like food and clothing—and we'll clue you in on our Specials next ish! Till then, hang loose, heroes—the good times are just beginning! (Nuff said!)

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Dear Stan and John,

I was going to write the following comments about issue #47—"Pete, once the premiere powerhouse of perplexing problems has turned swinger, lover, in-crowder, and winner! You are trying to hide this with petty troubles, but the cold facts remain. Next thing you know he'll be running around with Millie the Model and her crowd! Another thing, how was it that Kraven burst into Flash's farewell party at night, but his fight outside with Spidey just a few minutes later happens in broad daylight? Such things worry me." These statements, however, might ruin my chances for a no-prize concerning Mr. Lizard's pants, so disregard them. The answer to the Rutgers Marvelites' problem is simple. When Curt Connors saw he was changing into the Lizard in #44, he ran into that tunnel as everyone will remember. He did this for the purpose of taking his pants off, which people don't do in the middle of Penn Station (or in the middle of Marvel Comics either, for that matter), turning them around, and putting them on again. Then he simply opened the pants zipper, now in back, and let his long green tail flow forth through it. Wouldja believe it??

Ed Payne, P.O. Box 148
Bolton, Miss. 39041

We believe it, we believe it! You know us, Eddie boy—we believe anybody who can get us out of a jam! So, thanks much, and consider yourself irrevocably non-prized. Now then—even though you told us to disregard the first part of your masterful missive, we feel duty bound to comment on your catastrophic critique—namely, the fact that Kraven burst into the party at night and ended up fighting Spidey minutes later in broad daylight! Wouldja believe that our calamitous colorist, Stan G, was watching "Marvel Superheroes" on TV while coloring the yarn, and simply made the all-too-human error of dipping his bluish brush into the wrong paint pot? No? Well then, wouldja believe that the dawn came up like thunder? 'Yknow something? We shoulda disregarded your statement at that! Tamam Shud!

Dear Stan and John,

Congratulations on SPIDER-MAN #47. It was fab. It's been a long time since Kraven the Hunter showed up! I dig Kraven's style, and as a matter of fact, jazzy Johnny draws Kraven pretty well. As for Mary Jane, she's getting uglier as Gwen gets prettier every time. For instance, on page 12, panel 1, she probably looks worse than Harry Osborn getting up in the morning! Also, on page 12, panel 3, it served Flash right for getting thumped! He had that coming for a long, long time. I can't thank you enough for the return of Kraven. See you next ish!

Joseph Hastings, 380 Vernon Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11206

We hope so, Joey! But, do us a favor, huh? Don't ever arrange to dig up a blind date for us! If you think M.J. is getting uglier—sheesh!

Dear Stan and John,

Here I was, lying on our living room couch, staring at

the ceiling and trying to get rid of a sinus headache and all the other stuff that gets you off from school, when my dad came in with the mail. In it was SPIDEY #47. All I can say is "WOW!" The whole mag was great. First of all, the cover was great. I really liked the white background with the purple and red lettering. The new trademark in the left-hand corner really looks neat. Johnny handled the artwork better than ever to say nothing of Stan's great story. I especially liked Flash's going-away party and the way Kraven busted in on it. I also liked the way Kraven had to hit Spidey with that ray to get him down. The way it came out of his lion vest's eyes was cool, even though you could have let Kraven scratch Spidey with a horn from his belt. By the way, I'm glad you had three mags advertised on your advertising page instead of just one. Well, the boob tube beckons, so I'll be seeing you!

Bruce Baker, 6360 Revere Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233

Hasta la vista, B.B.! Glad you liked our modest little effort in ish #47. ("Modest little effort!" All it took was vacationless days, sleepless nights, endless conferences, consultations, revisions, and near-nervous breakdowns!) But, 'twas well worth it, faithful one, if it brought the slightest smile of approbation to the lips of a True Believer!

Dear Stan and John,

Marvelmania has been nibbling away at me for about two years now. I finally gave in and have just spent close to \$200.00 to get complete collections of most of your titles. Spider-Man, in my opinion, is your best effort. If we are to believe what the better mags tell us, he has a fantastic influence on the under-25 group. My one complaint is that you have Peter Parker riding around on his bike without the proper threads. I ride a bike myself and there are too many kids on the road with bare feet, shorts, t-shirts, and no helmets—giving bike safety a poor record. (If Gene Colan had been wearing leathers, he wouldn't have those scraped elbows.) Put a helmet on Spidey. If he influences only one rider to wear a helmet and not splatter his noggin all over the road, it'll be well worth it. 'Nuff said. Speaking of Gene Colan, his art work on Iron Man is magnificent. I usually recommend all Marvel Comics to my art classes to show them how fine comic art can really be. Remember, as Marvel marches on, count me in on the big parade.

Prof. John S. Fawcett (Art Dept., Univ. of Conn.)
Upton Rd., Ashford, Star Rt.
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Count you in, Prof? As far as we're concerned, you're the Grand Marshal of the whole swingin' shebang! And, we promise you this—when peerless Pete takes his place in the line of march, he'll be astride his bike all decked out in a protective helmet and all the other accoutrements necessary for life, liberty and the pursuit of a license renewal form!

Dear Stan and John,

John Romita does not draw Spider-Man as well as your

previous artist. I know you won't print this because since he left Marvel, you have avoided mentioning his name like the plague. Furthermore, you only print the complimentary letters in your letters pages, and I am getting mighty sick of reading the same old "WOW,—was-that-ever-a-great-ish!" letter all the time. It is a foregone conclusion that Marvel Comics is much better than any other comic publications, but the mere fact that no real criticism appears in your letters pages seems to me suspicious. And on the rare occasion when a letter of criticism does appear, half a dozen irate fans write you calling the author a loon and a traitor. Getting back to John Romita's art, I must say that although he is a good artist, his predecessor was better at illustrating Spidey because his art created a mood unlike any other artist, and Spidey has suffered without this mood. Sure, Mr. Romita draws nice pictures, but they lack that aura of mystery, of drama that they once had. Sure, the stories are as good, Stan, although I'd like to see more of the mystery cops-and-robbers variety, but Spidey is no longer Spidey. John draws prettier girls and handsomer guys, but that's not the point. He doesn't give Spidey that special artistic flavor which made it one of the most complete comic books ever put out. I used to favor Spidey even more than the F.F., but not any more. Spidey is number two now. Well, I guess I've sunk myself as far as getting this printed as you seem so unwilling to print criticism. You keep saying that you never get any, but that's ridiculous—even as good as your mags are. Incidentally, if it'll make you feel any better, your second rate filler, Dr. Strange, is still better than your competition which you childishly refer to as Brand Echh.

Brad Caslor, 317 Laidlaw Blvd.
Winnipeg 29, Man., Canada

Brad, ol' buddy, you've just cut us to the quick! You've shocked, staggered, and stunned us! We never expected a True Believer like you to write such a thing! We thought that you — you above all — would be the first to understand... the first to realize... the first to know that it's spelled ECHH, not ECCH! But, to go from the ridiculous to the inane, we admit that it is our policy never to mention artists who have since departed from the hallowed haunts of Marvel to seek their fortunes elsewhere. Perhaps we're wrong in so doing, but we feel it isn't fair to mention guys who are no longer here in the Bullpen where they can speak for themselves. In fact, that's the reason we don't mention competitive mags by title, either. We enjoy kidding around with the name Brand Echh, which can refer to anyone—but we'd never use the peerless power of our magnificent mags to knock some other hard-working bunch of writers and artists by name. Now, let's all pause to dry our eyes...



Dear Stan and John,

Wowee! Fellas, you're really doing it! SPIDEY #46 is the best issue yet for the "new" Spidey. But, what sayest thou? — the "New" Spider-Man? Well, since I've been collecting Spidey as well as all other Marvels since they've originated, I think I'm qualified to have my opinion brought forth. I feel dreadfully sorry, but 'tis true, Spidey has indeed woefully fallen from his once leading throne. What has happened to the "real" Peter Parker, that shy, soft-spoken, sophisticated young man we all once knew and loved? I weep to admit that he no longer exists. No more exists "the greatest guy" in comics history. The

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heart-warming stories of yesteryear have fallen like cobwebs long since forgotten, or even never known by the younger generation. You youngsters may think of us as old fogies, but have we not known Peter longer than any of you? You may say, "But times have changed. Spidey has to be a real swinger to keep up with the fads!" Oh, you are not conscious of what you say. If you had known him as we have, if you could only have loved and cherished him as we, then, perhaps, perhaps you would understand. But, of course, times have changed. And into the modern world bursts forth a new, and still as famous, web-slinger. New story lines flash into existence, new supervillains come forth, and as I have said before, a whole new concept overtakes our hero. No longer is he meek, now he swings! He has a crazy, wild two-wheeler, and, in other words, man, he's the coolest Spider-Man lives! He still triumphs over all!

Alan Caudle, 702 School St.
Corinth, Miss. 38834

Whew! And a special, non-tarnished no-prize to the first deductive devotee who can tell us whether Alan's letter is a knock or a boost! We've read it and re-read it a dozen times, and still can't decide whether he's pro or con—or just testing out a new ball-point pen!

Dear Stan and John,

I thought I had left comic books somewhere in my past, but once again, I find myself reading them. It would surprise (shock!) many people back in the states to learn that so many service men read them. Especially the Marvel Comics Group which is sold in every P.X. I've been in over here. And it always makes us mad to miss an issue! We don't have much time for reading here in Viet Nam although we usually are able to squeeze in enough time to read your Marvels. Spider-Man is, by far, my favorite, although all of your super-heroes are really something. We sure could use them over here, but I guess we'll just have to rely on our own "talents". It may be a coincidence, but we think of ourselves as "junior super-heroes". If you get a chance, send one over here to give us a hand! But, to be serious for a second, thanks a lot for providing a lot of us with some good action-packed reading material. We really enjoy your series. They, like letters from home, help take our minds out of Viet Nam for a while.

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In that case, Len, even if they serve no other purpose, we'll still keep turning 'em out to the best of our agonized ability! Unfortunately, we can't actually send any of our costumed characters to the field of battle, but we can always do the next best thing—so watch for the first ish of the complimentary subscription which we're winging your way, with our sincerest best wishes to you and your battle-honed buddies. May you all successfully and safely complete your tour of duty, and soon be able to latch onto your favorite mags merely by walking to the corner newsstand.

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